

Gold Filings



March 2021

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Message from Stephanie Young and the Leadership Committee

Branch News

The Leadership Committee met in February and will be meeting at least monthly to continue work on our planning initiatives begun last year. We have divided the initial planning document into five sections: Overview, Membership, Programming, Projects and Fundraising. We hope to take the comments we received from you all last year and develop a cohesive plan or plans for moving our branch forward. We know that this year has been tough in many ways, one of which was completing this planning process so we could reinvigorate our branch.

The first topic we addressed was Membership. We have been losing membership over the past several years, with this year taking a big hit because of the pandemic. We have several ideas that various committee members are pursuing and hope that we can develop some solid initiatives to re-energize our branch. More details to come...

If any of you have had additional thoughts about how we could expand our branch and/or improve our activities, please contact Stephanie at syoung@calarts.edu or call her at 209-217-8432.

March is Women's History Month!

NEWS FROM AAUW California

March 4 @ 2:PM [AAUW Equity Network presents "In Conversation with Dr. Shanna Benjamin, author of Half in Shadow: The Life and Legacy of Nellie Y. McKay"](#)

March 8 @ 5:00PM —International Women's Day *Free Zoom Webinar*

The public is invited and may join the Zoom program by registering [HERE](#) with EventBrite:
The Benicia-Vallejo and Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branches of AAUW will host a free, public Zoom program celebrating International Women's Day.

[Celebrate the Tremendous Efforts by Women and Girls Around the World to Shape a More Equitable Future](#)

Opening Remarks by Eleni Kounalakis, Lt. Governor of California

March 15 @ 10:00 AM

NGO UN Commission on the Status of Women 65, including AAUW-sponsored session titled, ["Policy, Practice & Promise: Advancing Women's Global Economic Power"](#)

Report on Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday was a big success this year. We raised \$2820 for our scholarship fund which includes \$250 in matching funds from the Amador Community Foundation. Our donors included 26 Branch members and several non-members plus a generous donation from Gwendolyn Christeson of the Estate Planning Law Center in Jackson. Stephanie wrote thank-you notes to all who donated.



Coming Soon! Our AAUW Amador Spring Fund Raiser!

To support our efforts in maintaining Branch solvency, our Fundraising Team is hosting an AAUW Un-Tea Party. Look for your invitation this spring and join your sister members in a cup of tea and take a moment to reflect on AAUW and its connection to the women and girls in our community.

Membership Annual Renewal

Starting March 16th, it will be time to renew your AAUW membership for the upcoming fiscal year, 2021-2022. Any new members joining after March 15th will get the remainder of this year free along with next year's membership.

Our Dues this year will be \$98-

-National dues will be \$62 for the coming year, of which \$59 is tax-deductible (an increase of \$3)

-State dues remain the same at \$20 but are NOT tax-deductible as AAUW California is a 501(c)(4) entity.

-Branch dues remain the same at \$16 and are not tax-deductible as we are a 501(c)(4)

You will receive an email from AAUW National with a link to the Dues Renewal page.

Lifetime Membership Option Being Offered

All branch members can upgrade their membership to paid life membership for \$1,121.00 now through March 15th. This fully tax deductible gift is also a \$119 savings when done by March 15th, after which the cost will be \$1,240.00. Anyone who upgrades now will be exempt from any further national dues (\$0.00), but will pay state and branch dues. You can email Angela Cooper COOPERA@aauw.org at National for more information or to answer your questions

2021 VIRTUAL North Bay Science Discovery Day

This event is Saturday March 13. Go to the [link](#) to find all information. It's a free day of events to get kids excited about STEM and STEM careers .

Lynne Brumit is Moving to Connecticut

We want to tell you that Lynne is moving to Connecticut in April. She is very excited about the move because will be close to her son and his family including grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We are very happy for Lynne and sad for us because we will miss her very much.

Lynne has been an AAUW member since 1973 and a member of Amador branch since 2005. As you all know Lynne has been our Sunshine Chair since....well.... forever.....oh, wait, I just spoke with Lynne and she said since 2010.

We are having a drive-by goodbye party for Lynne in late March; the date will be set when Lynne knows exactly when she is leaving. The party will be at Michele Powell's home in Pine Grove or rather her driveway. Lynne will be sitting at the end of the driveway waving and blowing kisses to all. We hope to video the event to preserve the memories for Lynne.

Lynne's is keeping her current email address and her street temporary address and telephone number in Connecticut is at her son and daughter-in-law's home.

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Sunshine Chair Change

As you have just read, Lynne is moving and we now have a new Sunshine Chair. Judy Lerner-Liston has volunteered to take this on until the end of our membership year June 30. Thank you, Judy.

Please consider taking this over as of July 1st.

Sheila Berg

Written by Sandi Baracco:

Sheila Berg passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 10, 2021. She was in San Diego at her daughter's home when she suffered a stroke. Sheila was 89 years into her very fun and eventful life, truly an amazing woman. Sheila leaves behind daughter Jamie, son David and his wife Mary, three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She has been a member of Amador Branch AAUW since 1973 and held various board position over the years most notably heading up the Hiking Group during her 80's.

Written by her Granddaughter Christy:

This week this amazing woman left this earth. My amazing grandmother Sheila Berg (GG)- you have always been a light of joy in this world. You are an inspiration for me and my girls, and showed us how to be an independent, hardworking women who gives herself love. I am so sad you left us, but know you are much happier outside of the body that failed you. I love you so much GG. Ride off into the sunset in your purple Barracuda that is how I will remember you.

Condolences can be sent to:

David Berg
1755 Palo Verde Blvd South
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Rest In Peace, sweet Sheila...

Happy Birthday to our members who have celebrated birthdays in January, February and will celebrate in March and April..

January
Greta McElroy-White
Teresa Ryan

February
Marilou Lane
Jeri Spillane Miller

March
Kathy Allen
Iris Aparicio
Mona Evans Brown
Marge Chisholm
Rebecca Wilson

Sunshine cards sent since December 2020

David Berg in sympathy for the passing of his mother, AAUW Amador member, Sheila Berg
Gretchen Carlson
Margie Guletz

